

**THE CORNER STONE,**  
Of the ORANGEVILLE UNION CHURCH will be laid on Sunday, the 9th of June next, with appropriate ceremonies. Orangeville, May 18, 1839.

**CANAL CONTRACTORS.**

Several contractors on the North Branch Canal, who had taken contracts at the last fall letting, and who afterwards threw them up, and again took them, *contrary to law, at private contract*, of the old Commissioners, at a great advance of former prices, have memorialised the legislature, complaining of "oppression" on the part of the present canal Commissioners, because they will not fulfil these *illegal* contracts. It does appear to us, that it required the most consummate impudence in these contractors to complain, in this case, for they knew, when they entered into these contracts, that the Commissioners had no *lawful* authority to make them without *previous public notice*, and that if such were made they were null and void; and certainly every *reasonable* man, to whatever party he may belong, will say that they ought not to take advantage of their own wrong, to rob the state of exorbitant sums, for work which they had before agreed to do at fair prices. The Commissioners have sent to the house a communication upon the subject of this petition, in their own defence, in which they mention *three or four favorite partizans* who were to receive about \$50,000 more for doing the same work than they had originally agreed to do it for, and that much more than other responsible persons had proposed doing it for, whose bids were rejected. The memorial has been referred to committees in both branches of the legislature, who will no doubt do them justice. We hope they will rip up all private contracts, let them be made by whom they may. The State has been heretofore filched of immense sums, to enrich the pockets of unprincipled partizans, while the honest yeomanry have been robbed of their hard earnings to pay the bills. Governor Porter's administration came into power under a pledge of reform. Let us have it in *deed*, and not in *name* only. The people demand it.

We are glad to see that the message from Gover Porter, vetoing the Local Appropriation Bill, receives the cordial approbation of almost all the democratic newspapers throughout the state, while it receives the unanimous condemnation of the whigs. This bane of legislation, this ruinous system of log-rolling had attained a fearful height during the three years of "Ritter folly," and it required a succession of bold and vigorous blows to defeat it at the commencement of the present Democratic Reform Administration, and it is well for Pennsylvania that they have such a man at the helm of state, as David R. Porter, who will thus fearlessly do his duty to his constituents, and prevent every trifling object from thrusting its grasping clutches into the treasury of the people, while the great objects of State pride and interest, are left to dwindle for want of encouragement and protection.

The "Iron Grey," a spirited democratic paper has lately made its re-appearance on the theatre of action. We say re-appearance, because the same paper was published for some months during the last fall campaign, after which it was suspended. It is now published at Harrisburg, once a week, at \$1 50 per year. It is of course, a cheap publication, and we cheerfully recommend it to the patronage of our democratic friends.

The following is a condensed statement of the Banks in the United States from which returns have been received, January 1, 1838.

Number of banks and branches,	829
Loans and discounts,	\$485,631,687
Specie,	35,184,112
Notes in circulation,	116,133,910
Deposites,	84,691,184
Capital,	317,836,778

With such an immense banking capital combined, what cannot be effected.

The Harrisburg Reporter, in speaking of Mr. Steven's Convention, says:—"The failure of Mr. Stevens to muster even a "corporal's guard," in his Harrison and Webster convention, should admonish him to "beware how long he abuses the patience," even of his friends. That the "sceptre has departed" from him, and that he can no longer say to his party, "thus far shalt thou go and no further,"—this candidate shall be supported and no other, the thin and spiritless group who met to register his presidential nomination, clearly evinced. The convention was called at a most favorable season for a general attendance from the different counties. The legislature was in session, and strangers here from all parts of the commonwealth—some as witnesses before the different committees of the two houses—others, his own faithful and well rewarded contractors, choice spirits for an anti-masonic convention were here in great numbers to demand *liberal estimates, and remonstrate* against further appropriations to the public improvements, and yet the convention was not more than half full, and many of the delegates who were in attendance, we believe were without constituents and without authority to act for any body else than themselves.—Under all these circumstances, the convention may be considered the death and burial of General Harrison's prospects. The *chills of the coming winter* will not be more fatal to his success than this convention."

The Regis-three man continues mightily vexed because he cannot prevent an action upon the removal question, by the Democratic party at the approaching election.—His reasons are *best known* to himself.—Perhaps he has effected, what he has often declared he could do, "make the best bargain with the Danville interest."

By the official report, we learn that the whole amount of tolls received upon the Pennsylvania canals and railroads, from the 20th of March to the 15th of May, 8 weeks, is

\$313,988 99	
Whole amount received 8 weeks, 1838, ending May 19,	267,797 71
Increase,	\$46,191 28

The committee in the case of Thaddeus Stevens, reported to the house that he had forfeited his seat. The report was accepted by the house, by a vote of 54 to 34, and a new election ordered by the Speaker.

A proposition was made a few days since in the legislature, to elect the Canal Commissioners by the people, for the term of three years. It was sustained by the united voice of the federalists, and some few of the democratic members, but the proposition was voted down.

Nothing of importance has been accomplished in either house since. From present appearances, it appears to be the determination of the opposition to embarrass the administration as much as possible.

The Lancaster Intelligencer says, that crops in that neighborhood have advanced at least two weeks, before the usual time.—Such is the case in this vicinity, and wheat and rye crops never looked more promising.

The New Hampshire Argus states, that a Mr. Ezekiel Powers, of Corydon, of that state, has had three wives, the last of whom is now living. By his first wife he had eight children, by the second six, and by the third, thirteen, the last of whom is an infant six weeks old. Mr. Powers is sixty eight years of age, has kept house fifty years, forty-eight of which he has taken a democratic newspaper, and what is more surprising paid for it too.

**VIRGINIA ELECTION. DEMOCRACY TRIUMPHANT.**

The election in this State took place on the 23d ult., and from the latest intelligence it is confidently asserted that there will be a democratic majority, over both Whigs and Conservatives, on joint ballot in the State Legislature. Not democratic gain so far as heard from, 9. It is already ascertained for a certainty, that Senator Rives cannot be re-elected.

The Legislature talk about adjourning on the 11th of June next. There is a vast deal of business to do between this and that time.

**The Great Speculator.**—There is a Dutchman who attends the lower market and does a thriving business by purchasing chicken cocks from the country negroes and retailing them at a profit. He is now as well known among the darkies, as Rotchild was on change in London. He regulates the chicken broth, just as Nicholas Biddle did the currency, and controls the price of a plate of broiled fowl, as Rotchild did the funds of Europe. He is therefore quite an important personage in his own sphere, and his monopoly, in his particular line of business, exceeds the great beef monopoly of which we hear so much in northern cities. We even learn that he writes to his country friends, informing them of the changes in the chicken market with all the technicality, with a cotton factor would use when writing a business letter to a planter.

When Timothy enters the market of a morning the sable venders of chickens are "monstrous" polite to him. They recognize him among the greatest kind of a crowd, and cry out, one to another, "look heca, Pete, Gumbo! look heca, I say gosh, heca cum de great speculator—I's shun chickens is ris, and dat ducks is down." Thus it will be seen that the great chicken speculator is no ordinary individual.

N. O. Piquette.

**DONT FORGET TO INQUIRE FOR Tobias' Apothecary OR Health Emporium,**  
Lower end of Main-street, Bloomsburg.  
Where you can always obtain Fresh Goods and Cheap Articles. Be very careful and not get cheated and buy Counterfeit articles for Genuine.

**RAISINS! RAISINS! RAISINS!**

500 pounds for Pies.  
25 Boxes bunch,  
25 kegs of Smyrna,  
15 boxes Prunes,  
All For Sale at Tobias' Health Emporium, Bloomsburg.

**INDIAN DYE,**

For coloring grey, red, and light hair, a beautiful brown or black, in ten or twelve hours, without staining the skin, for sale by D. S. TOBIAS, Bloomsburg, Agent.

**COLD CREAM,**

For Chaps, Tan, Sunburn, Sore lips, &c. For sale at Tobias' Health Emporium Bloomsburg.

**LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!**

**YEAST POWDERS,**

THESE Powders are an admirable substitute for Yeast in making all kinds of batter cakes and bread that do not require much kneading, and has the advantage over that article in making them perfectly light and ready for baking the instant they are mixed. For sale by D. S. TOBIAS, Health Emporium, Bloomsburg.

- 12 dozen Glass Boxes,
- 12 dozen Lockets,
- 12 dozen Lead Pencils,
- 12 dozen Toy Prints,
- 12 dozen Sand boxes, with the sand,
- 12 dozen Fifes,
- 12 dozen Doll babies,
- 12 dozen Conversation Cards,
- 12 dozen Toy Watches,
- 12 dozen Brass Watches,
- 12 dozen Hair Pencils,
- 12 dozen Breast Pins,
- 12 dozen Finger Rings,
- 12 dozen Spoons,
- 12 dozen Pass Books,
- 12 dozen Tooth Harps,
- 12 dozen Steel Pens,
- 12 dozen Tea Sets,
- 12 dozen Everpoint Leads,
- 12 dozen Head Bands,
- 28 dozen bunches beads,
- 25,000 Fish Hooks,
- 12,000 Slate Pencils,

Just received and For Sale at the cheap Health Emporium, Bloomsburg, by D. S. TOBIAS.

**William Kahler, Tailor,**

WOULD respectfully inform the citizens of MIFFLINVILLE, and the adjoining vicinity, that he has opened a shop in said village, where he intends to prosecute the above business in all its various branches. The best of workmanship and a perfect fit will be warranted on every garment entrusted to his care. Mifflinville, April, 1839.

**New Supply**

AT THE HEALTH EMPORIUM.

THE subscriber has just returned from Philadelphia, and is now opening a general assortment of fresh

**Druggs and Medicines,** and a new supply of Confectionary, Nuts, Raisins, Lemons, &c. the whole comprising a complete assortment in his line of business. D. S. TOBIAS, Bloomsburg, May 3.

**SPRING & SUMMER New Goods.**

JUST STEP INTO THE BLOOMSBURG ARCADE if you wish to obtain GREAT BARGAINS, as the subscribers have received a large and splendid assortment of NEW GOODS,

selected with care, for the present and approaching season, and presenting to the consumer as large a variety as can be found in most country stores. Their present stock embraces almost every article in demand in this market in the

**DRY GOOD-LINE.**

They have also an extensive assortment of

**GROCERIES**

**AND LIQUORS,**

Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Spices, Molasses, Brandy, Gin, Rum, Wine, and Whisky, in every variety of quality and price.

**HARDWARE,**

CROCKERY, CHINA, GLASS, QUEENS AND CEDAR WARES. Fish, Salt, Iron, Steel, Paints, Drugs, Dye-Staffs, &c. &c. &c.,

all of which they offer to sell very cheap, for CASH, or in exchange for COUNTRY PRODUCE.

RUPERT & BARTON. Bloomsburg, May 18, 1839.

**BLOOMSBURG IRON FOUNDRY,**

AND Threshing Machine, AND PORTABLE HORSE POWER MANUFACTORY.

THE Subscribers take this method of informing their friends, that they continue Manufacturing Threshing Machines and Portable Horse Powers, on the most improved plans, made of the best materials and in the most workmanlike manner, and which they will warrant to stand with fare usage, and not injure the grain by breaking it.—They have surpassed all others where they have been introduced, in Pennsylvania, Virginia and North Carolina.

**Pratt's Patent Smut,**

OR, GRAIN HULLING MACHINE, Improved. An article of great utility to Millers, for cleansing the grain for preparing it for flouring. These machines are manufactured of cast and wrought Iron, and are supposed to last an hundred years. They are in general use in the state of New York and in part of Pennsylvania.

**Ploughs AND Stoves,**

and all kinds of Machinery, cast and fitted up, and all sorts of

**HOLLOW WARE**

kept on hand, and sold by wholesale. All of which will be sold on the most reasonable terms, by LEWIS H. MAUS & Co. Bloomsburg, May 25, 1839. 3mt

**FRENCH BURN Mill-Stones.**

B. S. WOOLVERTON Against the World for good Mill-Stones and Bolting Cloths.

MILLERS wishing the above articles, are requested to call and examine my Stock, at Danville, Columbia County, Pa., or at Lewistown, on the Juniata. Danville, May 25, 1839.

**SADDLE & HARNESS MANUFACTORY.**

ALEXANDER RITTER, RESPECTFULLY informs the public that he has removed his establishment into the shop lately occupied by C. Kahler, Esq. where he intends keeping on hand all kinds of

DOUBLE AND SINGLE HARNESS, AND SADDLES AND BRIDLES, made of the best of material, and good workmanship. He manufactures, a new and approved

Patent Horse Collar, acknowledged by all to be superior to any ever before made in this county.

He also manufactures LEATHER and HAIR

**TRUNKS,**

of any description that may be required. All of which will be sold on the most reasonable terms, and he will also be ready to do any work in his line, on short notice, and solicits a share of public patronage. Bloomsburg, May 18, 1839.

**New Goods.**

THE subscriber returns his thanks to customers for the patronage which he has received from them since he commenced business in Bloomsburg. He hopes they will still continue their usual support; and he has now the pleasure of offering to them a Large and Fashionable Assortment of Seasonable

**SPRING & SUMMER GOODS,** which have been carefully selected, embracing the latest style of French, English and American

**DRY GOODS,**

among which will be found Cloths, Cassimeres and Sattinets, of different styles and colors, Silks, Figured Lawns and Jackonets, European and American Calicoes and Gingham, Vestings, Damask Table Cloths, Hosiery, Gloves, Bonnet Trimmings, &c. &c. Also, Ladies Morocco Shoes and Slippers, and Men's thick and thin Shoes and Boots.

Together with an assortment of **Hardware & Iron,**



**China, Glass and Queens Ware,**

**PAINTS, OILS, DYE STUFFS; Cedar Ware, Groceries, Liquors and Salt, &c.,**

All which will be sold on the most reasonable terms. Persons wishing to purchase, are requested to call and examine his stock of Goods and judge for themselves.

All kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE will be taken in exchange for goods. GEORGE WEAVER. Bloomsburg, May 4, 1839. 1

**SPRING AND SUMMER Fashions.**

THE subscriber grateful for past favors, returns his sincere thanks to his numerous friends and customers, and would now inform them, that he has just received from New York, the Report of the

**New York & London Fashions,**

FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 1839, together with the drafts of the numerous changes, both as regards the style of Making and Trimming, as well as Cutting garments. He is therefore fully prepared now to turn out work in the most superior style of cut and workmanship, and respectfully solicits a continuance of public favor. BERNARD RUPERT Bloomsburg, April 13.

**New Store, AND NEW GOODS.**



THE subscriber informs the public, that he has taken the store lately occupied by C. B. Fisher, at the lower end of Main street, where he intends to permanently locate himself, and has just opened an extensive assortment of NEW GOODS lately purchased in Philadelphia, embracing almost every article usually kept in a country store. Among which are,

**DRY GOODS,**

Consisting of Broadcloths from course to the finest of superfine, Kersemeres, Satinets, Silks, Gingham, Calicoes Cambrics, Muslins, Ribbands Factory Cotton Cloth, bleached and unbleached,

very cheap and of the best quality, and every variety in the Dry Goods Line. Also, a general assortment of

**Groceries,**

AND LIQUORS. Crockery, Glass, China and Queen's Ware.

All of which he will dispose of as cheap, if not cheaper, than can be purchased at any other store in the county.

All who are desirous of purchasing good and cheap goods, are requested to call and examine for themselves before they buy elsewhere, as he feels assured no one will go away dissatisfied with his prices, or the quality of his goods.

All kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, including CASH, will be received in payment.

JOHN HORTMAN. Bloomsburg, May 18, 1839.

**GRAIN,**

And all kinds of country Produce, taken in payment for Newspapers, at this Office.